



## Michael WONG 王敏德 (b. 1965)

### Actor, Director

Michael Wong was born and raised in New York, to a family from Shandong. His father was Chinese and his mother was Dutch-American. In the 1980s, Wong's brother, Russell Wong was cast as leading actor at the Cinema City Company Limited. Wong came to Hong Kong with him and initially used the Chinese screen name 'Wong Mai Gou' in *City Hero* (1985). With his stunning appearance, he was recruited as a basic actor by D & B Films Co., Ltd. and made his screen debut in *Devoted to You* (1986). Shortly afterwards, he was cast as the second leading male character in *Royal Warriors* (1986) and was cast in films such as *Legacy of Rage* (1986), *Wonder Women* (1987), *Fury* (1988), *The Nobles* (1989) and *Tiger Cage III* (1991). He was cast as the lead for the first time in *Big Man Little Affair* (1989) produced by Chan's Film Co.

Since the 1980s, Wong has been performing in films. His fearless cop roles are well-familiar to the audiences. In *City Hero*, he first played a member of the Flying Tigers (Special Duties Unit, or SDU), and later in *The Final Option* (1994), he played one of his most iconic roles, Stone, the SDU instructor who sacrifices his life for his teammate. Later, for his performance in *First Option* (1996), he was nominated for Best Actor at the 16th Hong Kong Film Awards and Best Leading Actor at the 33rd Golden Horse Awards. In *Beastcops* (1998), Wong's tough-as-nails police inspector and his subordinate Anthony Wong created sparks that leaves a lasting impression. From the 2000s, he was the lead in the ten-episode film series, *The New Option* (2002-2003). Throughout the years, he has had outstanding performances in a wide range of film genres, such as the inspirational *Long and Winding Road* (1994), the slapstick comedy *Combo Cops* (1996), the heartwarming *The Log* (1996), the melodrama *Lost and Found* (1996) and the action-packed *Enter the Eagles* (1998).

Wong established the Red Lantern Films Company Limited in 2000 and made his directorial debut with *Miles Apart* (2000). He also worked as the executive producer, producer, and leading actor in the film, while providing the story idea for the film. He also performed and penned *Guys and a Cop* (2000). Since the 2000s, he appeared as small roles in films including *House of Fury* (2005), *Overheard* (2009), *Triple Tap* (2010), *Cold War* (2012), *Z Storm* (2014), *Napping Kid* (2018) and *Chasing the Dragon II: Wild Wild Bunch* (2019). He was also in the American film, *Transformers: Age of Extinction* (2014). In *A Guilty Conscience* (2023), he played a retired lawyer.

Wong also starred in television series including *At the Threshold of an Era* (1999), *The Drive of Life* (2007), *Flying Tiger* (2018), *Flying Tiger 2* (2020), *The Impossible 3* (2020), *Flying Tiger 3* (2022), and performed in the online series *Plop Youth* (2019), production of the Mainland of China. Being passionate about aviation, Wong is the Honorary Officer of Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps. Other than Russell Wong, his younger brother Declan Wong has also appeared in films.

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